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## Office of the Attorney General Washington, A. C. 20530

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May 10, 1979

MEMORANDUM TO:

Secretary of State

Attn: Jeffrey Smith

Secretary of Defense Attn: Deanne Siemer

Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

Attn: Sam Hoskinson

Director of Central Intelligence

Attn:

.FROM: Frederick D. Baron

Special Assistant to the

Attorney General

RE: SCC Counterintelligence Approval Standard

Attached is an outline of issues for SCC decision on a recommendation to the President for a standard for SCC approval of counterintelligence activities under Section 1-304(e) of Executive Order 12036. This paper was developed in coordination with the CIA.

Attachment

cc: Jim Nolan

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Sam Hoskinson

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National Security Council

Central Intelligence Agency

Issues paper for 16 May SCC Meeting Concerning Standards for Sensitive Collection Operations

1. Enclosed, as I promised you, is our Issues
Paper regarding sensitive collection operations.

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2. You have previously received from Justice a revision of the Issues Paper concerning standards for Counterintelligence activities. It is our position the issues relating to standards for these activities and for sensitive collection operations must be considered at the same time by the SCC, and not be treated at two separate meetings. That approach could result in marked inconsistency in the two standards and was rejected for that very reason by the SCC last November. Consequently, both standards should be on the agenda for the 16 May meeting or neither should.

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## B. Issues

- 1. There appears to be no dispute as to the following general principles:
  - (i) The DCI should be vested with some level of discretion as to which operations should be reported.
  - (ii) Required reports should be furnished by the DCI to the SCC chairman.
  - (iii) Entity heads must make the initial determination as to sensitivity and be responsible for selecting certain operations for reporting to the DCI.
  - (iv) Operations commenced without a report to the SCC Chairman should be reported if they become sensitive before terminating;
  - (v) There should be some provision allowing DCI reporting by categories of operations, provided further information is obtainable as to any operations or category.
  - (vi) There should be some form of SCC annual review.

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